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1. On 17 December 1953, the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse in Frenzlau seemed to be occupied to capacity. All quarters were fully lighted at dusk. There was intensive traffic of personnel to the former NCO settlement. Source identified about 25 officers who included 2 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The other officers mostly were senior lieutenants and lieutenants who also wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. From 2 to 3 p.m. on 17 December, eight 6-wheel M-3 armored personnel carriers and 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns were parked in the installation. About 35 soldiers, most of them recruits, trained in the barracks yard while about 30 other soldiers practiced mounting and relieving the guard. About 140 soldiers made practice marches.

2. On 17 December, the barracks installation on the north-west side of Berliner Strasse was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Six turrets of JS tanks were seen in the installation. Soldiers worked at the turrets.

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3. On 12 December, groups of soldiers engaged in basic training in the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse. Between 26 November and 12 December, a fatigue detail of about 150 soldiers was daily seen engaged in the construction of a new training site immediately south of the barracks installation.

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4. Between 26 November and 12 December, troops received basic training at group level in the yard of the barracks installation almost daily. At about 11:30 a.m. on 9 December, 2 x 122-mm mortars with crews of 5 men each were seen on Sternhagener Weg and, later, in the barracks installation. They were followed by truck carrying 1 officer and 16 EM all of whom wore gas masks.

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5. At about 3 p.m. on 26 November, 52 soldiers with weapons and luggage marched to the railroad station. At about 3:15 p.m. on 26 November, 56 soldiers went from the railroad station toward the barracks installations. At about 3 p.m. on 2 December, 40 unarmed troops with suitcases, and, at 4:30 p.m., 5 more soldiers without arms and with suitcases, went from the railroad station toward the barracks installations. At about 7 a.m. on 3 December, 4 soldiers with suitcases went from the railroad station toward the barracks installations. 2

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Report tends to indicate that the two barracks installations are still occupied by units of the 25th Tank Div. [REDACTED]

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